

8 October 1972

Dear Sirs

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Enclosed is a \$313.00 money order to cover the cost of 106 nickel plated and 16 copper 1/Lt Sam G. CORDOVA 26Aug72 FOW/MIA bracelets.

Please mail each individual's request separately as several person's bracelets will have to be forwarded to new addresses by us.

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Cpl. Mynuch c/o Ordnance

SSgt Carlson c/o Ordnance

SSgt Pitcher Career Planner

Sgt. Ponce c/o Radar

Sgt. Campbell c/o Radar

The above bracelets should be sent to VMFA 232, MAG-15, FPO, San Francisco 96602

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FPO, San Francisco 96602

In addition, please send nickel plated bracelets to the following addresses

Capt. W. Helling 1584 Dwight St. Springfield, Mass. 01107

Capt. B. Jankiewicz H&MS-15, MAG-15, S-1 FPO, S.F. 96602

SSgt Dub Allen H&MS-15, MAG-15, FFO, S.F. 96602

Capt. Roger Bullard H&MS-15, MAG-15, S-3 FPO, S.F. 96602

Capt. John Blackman 714 Franklin River Forest, Ill. 60305

SSgt Jesse Massey Cedar Island, N.C. 28520

Thank you very much for the consideration; I hope I have been at least a little helpful and not too confusing.

Sincerely

ROBERT V. BLACK, JR.

EXHIBIT 7 Affidavit of Gary Wayne Black

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRAZOS

AFFIDAVIT OF GARY WAYNE BLACK

- My name is Gary Wayne Black. I am the son of Bob
 Black, Jr., and Sandra Kay Black. I presently reside at 401
 Anderson Street, in College Station, Texas. I am 22 years old.
- 2. I was born October 7, 1969, while my father, Robert V. Black, Jr., was stationed with the Marines in Hawaii. Our family lived in Hawaii for approximately 2 years; then my mother and I returned to live with my grandmother, Margie Eimann, in Bryan, Texas, while my father went off to Vietnam.
- 3. I have many fond memories of my father dating from the period right after he got back from Vietnam. One of my earliest memories dates from when our family lived on Gunsmith Street in Bryan, Texas. I remember playing with my father with a toy airplane that we tied to a door knob with elastic string and then would pull back and release, causing it to fly around the room. I also remember my father teaching me how to fish at a pond behind our house. I remember my father being relaxed, calm, and pleasant on these outings.
- 4. Right after my father returned from Vietnam, our family moved to Midland, where I went to kindergarten. We stayed in Midland for less than a year, moving back to Bryan where we bought our house in the Steep Hollow neighborhood.

- 5. I started to become involved in Boy Scouts when I was about 12 years old. My father had been an Eagle Scout himself, and he encouraged me a lot to become involved in Scouts too. I remember he bought me my first Scout uniform for my birthday.
- 6. My father became very active in Scouts with me. He became one of the assistant scout masters of our scout troop. He attended our weekly meetings on Mondays, and went on the campouts that we had about once a month at Camp Arrowmoon. I remember he converted an old truck that he had that we called the "Twinkie Truck" into a van for our scout troop. My father knew alot about scouting, and he taught me and the other boys alot in the troop. Everybody in the troop seemed to like him. I was proud that my father knew so much about scouting and that he was liked and respected by my friends.
- 7. Another thing that my father and I had in common was an interest in motorcycles. When I was about 13 years old, my father bought me a motorbike, and I liked to ride it alot. One of my fondest memories of my dad is of the cross-country motorcycle trip we took together when I was about 14 years old. We set off in a two-seater, and went from Bryan, to Oklahoma, then on to Kansas and Nebraska, stopping in South Dakota to see Mount Rushmore. From South Dakota we traveled east, passing through Minnesota and then headed south to Iowa, where we stopped to see my father's best friend from Vietnam, John Blackman.
- 8. We stayed with John Blackman and his family for about three days. Blackman and my father had flown many missions in

Vietnam together; Blackman was the pilot and my father was a radio intercept operator. We grilled outdoors, and had a real good time. My father seemed real happy to see John Blackman, and they seemed like real good friends.

- 9. I don't remember my father and John Blackman talking at all about Vietnam in front of me during that trip. Later, my father told me that he and Blackman stayed up very late one night, after I'd gone to bed, and talked about Vietnam.
- 10. My father really never talked to me about his experiences in Vietnam during this time. It was understood in my family that you just didn't bring the subject up. For example, if I brought a videotape about Vietnam home to watch, like "Rambo", my father would get up and leave the room. He would do the same thing if a television program about Vietnam would come on. It was clear that he didn't want to talk about it.
- 11. I remember when my father and mother went to see the movie, "The Deer Hunter". When my father came home he was very upset by the movie. This was the only time that I can remember my father talking with my mother about what had happened in Vietnam. When they were done, my father told my mother that he never wanted to talk with her about it again.
- 12. My father kept no mementos or memorabilia from Vietnam around the house. I knew that he had photographs, but he kept those hidden away in the dresser drawer. He also had a wooden model of an F-4 fighter plane that he'd bought in the Phillipines and a "mammaluke" -- the sword or dagger that is presented to the

best man in basic training -- but basically he kept all of these things out of open view.

- 13. One thing that I remember real well about my father was that he was a perfectionist. Everything he did had to be just right. My grandfather is the same way; it's like something that wouldn't matter to anybody else would matter alot to my grandfather, my father, and me. My Dad was real skilled with his hands and he liked to build things, but when he did all of the measurements had to be perfect. When we bought the house at Steep Hollow, the property was really a mess, and he really cleaned up the house and the land around it.
- 14. On the other hand, I realize too that my father had problems. His moods were unpredictable and sometimes the tiniest thing that went wrong would upset him. At the time, I did not understand his behavior; I understand now that it was related to things he'd experienced when he was in combat in Vietnam. I remember that my father was hospitalized once at the V.A. Hospital, and once at another psychiatric hospital many years later, for these problems. When he came back home from these places he seemed calmer and didn't lose his temper.
- 15. When I graduated from high school I went to see my father in prison because I was thinking about joining the Marines. He was against it and tried to talk me out of it. It was then that he told me for the first time stories about his experiences in Vietnam. Instead of joining the Marines I decided

to go to college. I am now studying finance at Texas A & M University.

- My father's trial, conviction, and imprisonment have been very difficult for me. However, he is still very much a part of my life. We maintain a correspondence by letter and I visit him as often as I can at the prison. He is important to me and still has much to offer, even from a prison cell. I believe he can contribute to the lives of his family and to society in general if he is allowed to live.
- Although I recognize that he was responsible for the 17. death of my mother, I love my father and want him to live. have already lost one parent; I do not want to lose the other. Ι hope there will be some way to spare his life.

I hereby affirm that the foregoing is true and correct and I so state under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Hay Wayne Black

Signed and sworn before me this $\frac{16^{nt}}{100}$ day of $\frac{1}{100}$

Notary Public

My commission expires:

EXHIBIT 8

Affidavit of Bobby Ray Wilkinson

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Affadavit of Robert Ray Wilkinson

- 1. My name is Robert Ray Wilkinson. I currently reside at 2603 Arbor Lane, Bryan, Texas. I am of legal age and am otherwise competent to give this affidavit.
- 2. In February 1986, I served as foreman of the jury for the capital murder trial of Robert Vannoy Block, Jr.
- 3. Before my retirement in 1977, I was a colonel in the United States Marine Corps for 28 years. Over that period of time, I had four specific combat tours, and I saw combat in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. During my third tour, I served as a commander of an attack helicopter squadron in combat in Vietnam. I also served a tour as "Presidential Pilot" for President Eisenhower from 1958 to 1961.
- 4. I recall from my service as foreman of Mr. Black's jury that Mr. Black had also been a Marine and that he had served in Vietnam. I distinctly remember, however, to my dissatisfaction at the time, that no details about the nature of Mr. Black's service in the United States Marine Corps were presented to the jury. Specifically, I distinctly remember that no mention was made of whether Mr. Black was honorably or dishonorably discharged. I naturally assumed that if Mr. Black had been honorably discharged, the defense would have presented evidence of that fact. Because they did not, I assumed that Mr. Black's discharge from the Marine Corps had been other than honorable.

- 5. Since the trial, I have reviewed Mr. Black's military service documents provided to me by his current lawyers. From these documents, I have learned not only that Mr. Black was honorably discharged from the Marines, but that he received numerous citations, commendations, and decorations for his service. According to Mr. Black's military personnel records, these honors included the National Defense Service Medal, the Meritorious Mast, the Vietnamese Service Medal with one star, the Vietnamese Campaign Medal with device, and the Air Medal with one star.
- 6. During my own years of military service, I served for some years as a member of a Military Court. In that capacity, I encountered soldiers who deserted or otherwise shirked their duty to the United States. I considered their conduct morally reprehensible then, and I still do today. On the other hand, I can recall at least one occasion when a soldier's exemplary duty convinced me, as a member of the Military Court, of the appropriateness of clemency in that Marine's case.
- 7. Due to my own experience as an officer in the Marines for nearly 30 years, I consider the nature of a Marine's service in the military to be a strong indication of his character.

 Because I consider a dishonorable discharge to be a strong indication of poor character, my assumption that Mr. Black's service had been dishonorable effected my judgment about Mr. Black's character.
 - 8. Had Mr. Black's trial attorneys presented the evidence

- of Mr. Black's exemplary service to his country of which I am now aware, there is at the least a substantial probability that I would have recommended a sentence of life in prison rather than the death penalty.
- 9. Furthermore, I have since become aware of the difficulties Mr. Black experienced making a readjustment to civilian life upon his return to the United States and of the fact that Mr. Black had been diagnosed as suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as a result of his experiences in combat. As a veteran of the Vietnam war myself, I personally am familiar with a number of soldiers with whom I served who experienced similar difficulties upon returning to the United States. From this personal knowledge, I take Post Traumatic Stress Disorder seriously as a very real psychological affliction with very real debilitating consequences.
- 10. Had Mr. Black's attorneys presented evidence of the difficulties Mr. Black experienced upon his return to the United States, this evidence would also have effected my deliberations. It is my opinion that such information would have contributed to an understanding of Mr. Black's post-Vietnam life and character. If this information about Mr. Black had been known to the jury, I would have shared my personal knowledge about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and its effects on servicemen with the rest of the jury. I would have made it a significant issue in our deliberations because it was of substantial significance to me then and is still of substantial significance to me today.

11. In retrospect, I feel that because I was deprived of this information as a juror I was not able to judge Mr. Black clearly and with equanimity. In short, I was deprived of what I consider the most important evidence in regard to my decision about the appropriate sentence in Mr. Black's case.

I swear that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge.

Robert Ray Wilkinson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\frac{8^{\tau}}{2}$ day of May, 1992.

Notary Public



EXHIBIT 9

Inpatient psychiatric records of Veterans Administration Hospital, Houston, Texas 6/8/76 - 10/15/76

VA Form (Mar 1972) 10-1000 HOSPITAL SUMMARY

Received TDC, 12/28/87Patient Name: BLACK, Robert V., Jr.

Age: 29 Sex: M

Race: W

Social Security No: 457 70 0620

Claim No: C-

Name of Hospital: VAH, Houston, Tx.

ICDA Code: 306.9

PTF Competed: Jan 21, 1977 (/s/ NW)

Diagnoses:

1. Personality disorder, explosive behavior.

Pertinent clinical diagnosis noted but not treated: Blank

Operations procedures performed at this hospital during current admission:
Blank

Summary: This 29 year old male state that this was his first VA Hospital Houston admission. He said that he came to the hospital this time because he felt that he needed help. He said that he had a nervous breakdown in November, 1975 but did not receive any treatments at all. He came to Houston because his wife was here who he was allegedly estranged from and tried to talk her into some reconciliation. They did make some grounds in that direction. The patient stated that he, for some reason, all of a sudden goes into a rage and at many times had been very abusive to his wife. Most recently he went into the house, got his gun and came out and killed the dog. At that time his wife threatened to leave him permanently unless he received some help. He came to the hospital for help. On admission to the unit the patient's physical examination was in the realm of normal variation. His laboratory work and x-rays did not revel any significant abnormalities. He was placed on medication consisting of Haldol 1 mg. four times a day, RB with C once a day. All of physical complaints were taken care of by the necessary services and treated empirically. On 6-29-76 the Haldol was discontinued and he was started on Loxapine 10 mg. twice a day. After a period of time he decided that he didn't need any kind of medication only vitamin E. His medication was discontinued. He did well without any medication. He went on pass one time and came back very late. This was an authorized absence. The patient did not create any disturbance and was placed in activities and participated sparingly, and superficially. It was at this time that the patient asked for a discharge. It was felt that he had reached maximum benefits and was given a regular discharge. At the time of release from the hospital the patient was considered to be competent.

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Admission Date: 6-8-76 Discharge Date: 10-15-76 Type of Release: OPT/NSC Inpatient Days: -- Absence Days: -- Ward No: 112 Signature of Physician: David W. Kaueper (?), M.D. for Roland L. Welch, M.D.

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EXHIBIT 10

Inpatient psychiatric records of Greenleaf Psychiatric Hospital, Bryan, Texas 6/16/83 - 6/23/83

405 W. 28th. St. Bryan, TX. (409) 822-7326

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PSYCHOSOCIAL HISTORY

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ROBERT BLACK

6/20/83

Robert is a 36 year old white male who presently lives in Bryan, Texas with his wife, Sandra. Sandy was the informant for this social history, arriving early and stating that she had had a terrible week. Sandy was able to get off work from the Happy Face Nursery, appearing anxious to give the social history information and wanting to start from the very beginning in order to tell me everything.

Bob comes to Greenleaf at this time upon recommendation of Dr. Davis. After talking with Barbara Griswald, Sandy's counselor, Sandy encouraged Bob to make an appointment with Dr. Davis which he reluctantly did. Mrs. Black states that they had been separated three months before Bob moved back into the house in May, 1983. She believes that Bob has been seeing another woman for the past 6 or 8 months and that the ending of this relationship led to Bob's recent hospitalization. During the last couple of months, Sandy has seen Bob become more and more obssessed with their son's boy scout troop to the point of becoming overexpended. Sandy said Bob has begun talking about Vietnam flashbacks since the middle of May, after visiting apilot whom he had been with in Vietnam. Mrs. Balck believes that her husband's emotional problems began shortly after his discharge from the Marine Corp in 1973 and after serving in Vietnam as a flyer. Bob was unemployed for five years after the Marine Corp and Sandy describes him as being jealous, and unable to handle stress. In the past, he has shot two of her cats, threatened her horses, and struck her and their son on several occasions. An angry outburst, in which he killed their dog, led to Mr. Black's first hospialization in Veteran's Hospital in He was at the VA hospital for four months, left AWOL, and was supposedly diagnosed as paranoid schizophrenic. Sandy says that Bob was on a "religious kick" for about one year before this hospitalization. This obssession with religion was similar to his most recent obssession with the Boy Scouts. Sandy also described Bob's behavior as being unable to sleep at night, prowling around the house, and sleeping with a gun under his head.

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30b is the oldest of two children born to his parents. He has one brother Gary, age 28, who lives in Houston and whom Sandy describes as not being very close. -Mr. Black's parents live in llouston and Sandy describes their relationship as a dictatorship - Bob's father dominating his mother. Sandy reports that Bob sees his father as "God" and that he sometimes appears scared of him. She describes the relationship between Bob and his mother as loving and respectful. Sandy said that Bob will not talk about his childhood but neighbors have reported to her that he was beaten when he was young. According to Sandy, Bob's father has been seeing a psychiatrist for about seven years but she was not aware of his emotional problems and she had recently been given this information. Bob's father had been a POW in WWII. Mr. Black has a high school diploma and flunked out of TAMU after 25 years as a chemical engineer. Bob's work history has been very erratic and one of Sandy's complaints is his lack of motivation towards work. During the last five years he has held four jobs and the most recent one has been at the post office for At this time they are holding his job until he is released from the Bob joined the Marine Corp in 1967, excelled as a flyer and was a Captain hospital. in Vietnam from 1970 - 1971. After the war, the Marine Corp no longer needed Bob and Sandy said the transition to civilian life was a difficult adjustment for him. Mrs. Black reports that Bob never talked about his experiences in the war until after they kept seeing the movie "The Deer Hunter." He then told her a story about seeing one of his best buddies being killed, describing some of the horrors of war and then asking her never to bring it up again. Bob's leisure time activities inlude Boy Scouts, hunting, and riding his motorcycle. lle was raised as a Baptist but he never attended church. There seems to be no legal problems at this time. Sandy married Bob in December, 1967 after dating off and on for two years. She described him at this time as easy going and occasionally jealous. Their marital relationship was described as "off and on" with their first separation and divorce in approximately 1975-1976. They were remarried shortly after the divorce had been finalized. The couple have been separated and reunited on several occasions, usually after Sandy asks Bob to leave because of his lack of financial

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PSYCHOSOCIAL HISTORY

ROBERT BLACK

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support and unusual, violent behavior. Sandy describes Bob has having several
extramarital affairs throughout their relationship. She says he sees himself
as a "stud" and much of the time she does not desire him sexually. They have
one son, Gary Wayne, (13) who was born while Bob was in the service. Sandy is
worried about Gary having seen Bob's violent behavior on many occasions. Recently
Bob has placed a lot of pressure on Gary with Boy Scouts and she has observed their
son's grade improving when Bob is not living with them. Sandy describes Bob as
being physically violent with Gary on two occasions, once when he was 3 years old
and once about one year ago when he beat him with a switch.
Mr. Black's emotional problems appear to have started or to have been triggered
shortly after his Vietnam experience. He and his wife both seem interested in
counseling and hope that Bob's hospitalization will help him live a more stable.
productive life.
Mrs. Black seemed relieved at the opportunity to talk with someone and made reference
to her being "crazy" for living with Bob through all of his unusual behavior. On
a couple of occasions, she talked about Bob's parents blaming her for his problems.
Her hope is that he will receive medication and couseling and that they will be
able to lead a more "normal" life.
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405 WEST 28TH STREET / BRYAN, TX 77801 / (409) 822-7326

Black, Robert V.

#8275

Admitted: 6-16-83 Discharged: 6-22-83

DISCHARGE SUMMARY

ADMITTING DIAGNOSIS: Depression

FINAL DIAGNOSIS: Major Affective Disorder, Atypical Depression

SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS: Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome

This is a 36 yr. old white male with a recent history of depressive symptoms and explosive behavior, he was admitted for evaluation of these symptoms. A prior history of possible Paranoid Schizophrenia was obtained.

Pt. was admitted to 2nd Floor where he underwent DSF(showing suppression), computerized tomography of the head which was negative, EEG(normal), UA, Thyroid Function Profile, CBC, and SMA-24 all of which were in normal limits. A Fasting Blood Glucose of 120 was noted and felt to be due to the fact that the pt. had coffee in the middle of the night prior to the test being drawn.

Course & Treatment: The history was obtained regarding the father's illness and evidence that he had been treated successfully with Elavil was obtained. The pt. was started on Triavil which in the initial dosages were too sedating. This was decreased to 2 days, 10 tablets, one tab. BID, and 3 tabs, at h.s., this he seemed to tolerate and symptoms were improved. He was discharged and to be followed-up on an out-patient basis.

Dr. Barney M. Davis, M.D.

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Black, Robert V. #8275 Admitted: 6-16-83

HISTORY

This 36 yr. old white male was in the office with complaints of depression, explosive personality behavior, and a past history of a diagnosis of Paranoid Schizophrenia issued at the V.A. Hospital several years ago under similar circumstances. History was obtained in the office that the pt. had been having difficulty in his marriage, becoming irritable and outburstive at home, as well as having generalized job dissatisfaction. He was admitted at this time for full psychological and medical evaluation.

<u>Past Medical History:</u> Besides the episode of psychosis treated in Houston is non-contributory.

Family History: Pt.'s father has been treated with an unknown drug for symptoms of Depression.

Past Personal History: Indicates that he started having depressive symptoms while he was a Naval Flight Officer in Viet Nam.

Mental Status Examination: Reveals a large, stocky, tense-appearing but appropriate adult white male. Orientation is intact, there is no sign of organic thinking patterns, or psychotic thinking patterns. Intelligence is estimated at being average.

IMPRESSION: Depression, rule out other possible psychiatric of

Dr. Barney M. Davis, M.D.

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EXHIBIT 11

Outpatient psychiatric records of Dr. Barney Davis, Ph.D., Bryan, Texas 6/15/83 - 3/8/84

OFFICE NOTE:

Robert Black

6/15/83

Mr. Black is a 36 year old married white male who vaguely describes symptoms of feeling pressured, angry, and impulsive, these feelings dating back at least over the last number of months. He has had job related difficulties with the Post Office and is planning to quit that job soon, to return to his original work as an electrician. He had a prior episode of illness about seven years ago at which time he was hospitalized at the VA Hospital in Houston, receiving a diagnosis of Paranoid Schiophrenia. His father has an unknown type of mental disorder and is on unknown medications.

He is the oldest of two children, completed two years of college prior to entering the Marine Corp as an enlisted man who then progressed up the ranks to become a Naval Flight Officer. He spent a tour of duty in Vietnam and has worked as both electrician and postman since his discharge.

In listening to his symptoms it is unclear whether he is having recurrent schizophrenia or some other form of psychiatric disturbance. I have asked him to come in the hospital for full evaluation and he will arrange to do so within the next day.

BMD, JR: dab

OFFICE NOTE:

Mr. Black was discharged from the Hospital about three weeks ago following evaluation of an apparent depressive illness and a possible characterological problem. Dexamethasone suppression test results are not available to me at this time, but the feeling was that he had a partial biological condition. A family history (father) of positive response to Triavil was obtained, so we started him on Triavil 2-10 tablets up to 5 per day. He now reports he was taking one of these in the morning and four at night and doing well, but he decided to increase to 5 at bedtime which has left him feeling slightly sleepy. Overall he feels significantly improved. His wife reports there's been a gradual decrease in his explosive behavior. We decided to alter his medication somewhat; change to Triavil 4-50 tabs 1 h.s. with an additional 2-10 tab once or twice a day, if needed. I'll see him again in several weeks at which time we'll start marital therapy if the biological side is settled down.

BMD.JR:jd

OFFICE NOTE:

Bob and Sandra Black

8/ 8/83

Met with Robert and Sandra today. Things have been going well up until last week when he started working a double shift and became exceedingly exhausted, resulting in exacerbation of his irritability and moodiness. We discussed his obsessive need to work and how he cuts himself off from other things that are good for him. Generally I think things are going well and his current medication dosage is appropriate. visited with both of them for one hour. Made plans to see them again in one month.

BMD, JR: jd

OFFICE NOTE:

8/30/83

I met with Bob and Sandra again. Generally things are going well from a depression standpoint. There's been no major disruption since he was last seen. However, we did begin to get into the areas of their marital problems such as his chauvinistic attitudes and demands and their typical ability to live in the same house and not have much communication. He indicated he wanted to start talking some about their marital infidelity problems on the next visit. Made no change in medications.

BMD, JR: jd

OFFICE NOTE

9/28/83

Several weeks ago I received a phone call from Robert's wife stating that Robert had another flare-up. He had been working on his motorcycle and the work was going unsuccessfully and he erupted, breaking out several windows in the house, threatening people around him, etc. He refused to see me at that time, but Since that time, he has been things seemed to settle down. restless, irritable and continues to show signs of explosive personality disorder. I met with him and his wife and we decided to go ahead and try Lithium carbonate in addition to the Triavil he currently takes. We also began talking about his continual need to try to escape bad situations that he sees as being overcontrolling or evidence of his bad performance. They are to start the Lithium and check back with me next week and I will be seeing both of them again in the next several weeks.

BMD, JR: jd

OFFICE NOTE

Sandra Black

10/ 5/83

Bob's wife came in stating that Bob had gotten angry with her and was planning to leave once again. He apparently is still taking the Lithium, but has not yet gotten a blood count level. She also brought the son with Bob's understanding and knowledge, and I sat with both of them trying to explain a little bit about what was going on. I asked her to get Bob to get the Lithium level and they will be calling me for results.

BMD, JR: jd

Bob's Lithium level was .35 so we increased his dosage to 2 1/2 tablets a day. He asked to see me alone briefly during this session and in doing so, told me he really didn't know if he wanted to stay married anymore. I brought Sandra back in and we discussed his frustrations and it seemed that the discussion of them allowed him a chance to feel a bit more comfortable. The plan is to continue medications as ordered, to get another Lithium level, and to see me again as a couple in several weeks

BMD, JR:jd

OFFICE NOTE:

Robert Black

11-16-83

Bob has done relatively well with no major upswings or downswings since last seen. Current Lithium level .67. We focused some on Sandra today in pointing out to her that she fails to take adequate time for herself, tending to do all the chores around the house and then complaining because others don't help out. We then talked some about her weight and how her obesity may be a mechanism of being angry at her husband. We also talked about Weight Watchers as a possible alternative. Continue same medications. See again after the first of the year.

BMD, JR: Jd

OFFICE NOTE:

1-4-84

Bob asked to come in by himself without Sandra. He has had another rough couple of weeks apparently stimulated by the fact that he stopped taking his medications around Christmas time and was also assigned to a job that he did not like. The job business got straightened out today and he says he feels better although continuing evidence of depression is seen. I asked him to restart Lithium along with the Triavil in lower dosages. We spent much of the time reflecting on his Vietnam experience and the sadness that that generated. See him again several weeks.

BMD, JR: dab

OFFICE NOTE:

2/1/84

Bob brought Sandra with me. The last month has gone very well and nobody can really figure out why. Current medication level includes 1 lithium tablet in the morning and two in the evening accompanied by Triavil 2/10 tablets prn for anxiety. They are working towards selling their home and getting a new piece of land. Generally no major conflicts so I shortened their session. See again in 6 weeks.

BDM, JR/mlp

ROBERT BLACK

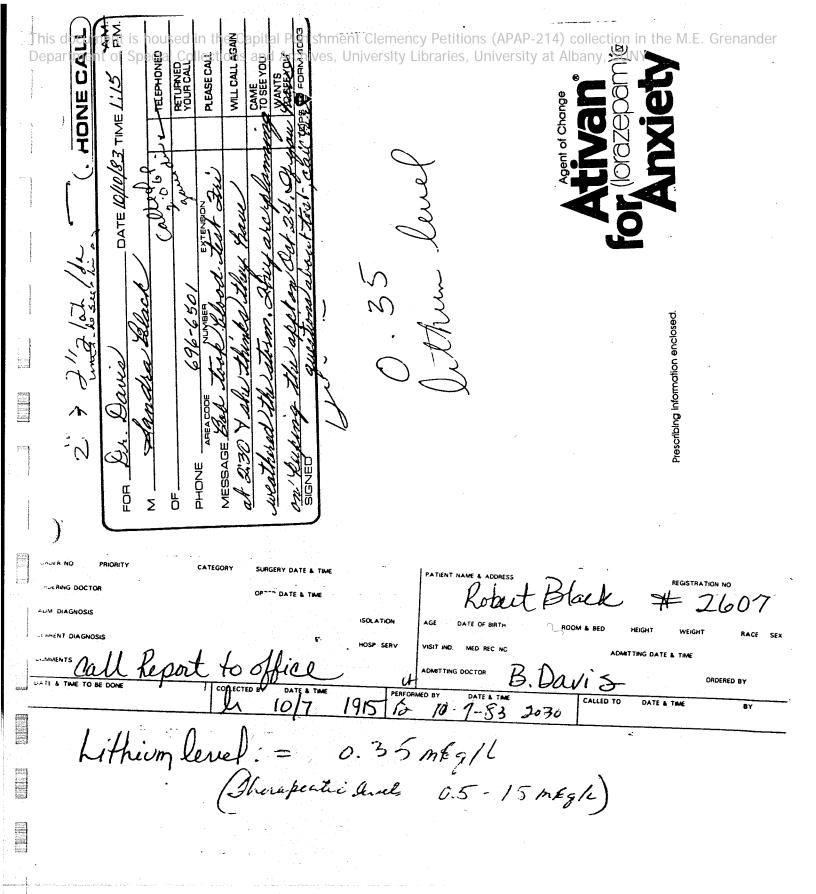
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Bob came alone as Sandra got tied up with business. He reports that things are generally going well. He and his son are planning to take an extensive motorcycle vacation and Sandra may be joining them later. We were talking some about his dissatisfaction with his current life and how he was viewing that almost as a schizophrenic situation when, in fact, it wounds more like the typical fantasy life that most people have. He seemed relieved in the discussion of this. Also reporting some recent difficulty with gastric intolerance to lithium. I asked him to rearrange the scheduling and drop back to two tablets a day if need be. Check back in one month.

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EXHIBIT 12

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EXHIBIT 13

Psychological evaluation of Dr. John M. Walker, Ph.D., Houston, Texas 8/16/85

PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION

Name: Bob Black

DOB: 1/31/47 Age: 38 Referred by: Jim Litner

Date of Testing: August 2, 1985
Date of Report: August 16, 1985

PROCEDURES

Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory
Thematic Apperception Test
Weschler Adult Intelligence Scale - Revised
Bender Motor Gestalt Test
Rorschach
Projective Drawings
Incomplete Sentences
Clinical Interview

Bob Black was referred for psychological evaluation by Jim Litner, his parents' private attorney, for purposes of diagnosis. The testing took place at the Brazos County Jail in Bryan, Texas. He was cooperative and friendly and stayed on task.

EVALUATION

Bob's level of intellectual functioning was in the superior range overall with a clear preference for performance tasks over verbal ones. No indication of organic dysfunction was noted.

Bob demonstrated, through his testing, instability in a number of areas including interpersonal relationships, mood and self-image. Interpersonal relationships for Bob tend to be rather intense, situation specific, and unstable. Mood can change within a matter of moments and can shift from extremely dysphoric to elated. On numerous occasions this shift was noted throughout the assessment period. Behaviorally Bob is likely to be rather impulsive and unpredictable. Potential self-damaging behavior is always possible. Periodic angry outbursts and difficulty modulating emotion are characteristic. Bob also is having and has had difficulty coming to grips with his self-identity.

These characteristics, although indicated to a lesser degree before Vietnam, were probably exacerbated due to the stressors of combat. Bob reported recurrent and intrusive thoughts about combat, increased detachment and estrangement from others over time, as well as sleep disturbances, survival guilt and memory impairment. All of these symptoms are associated, with a Post-Traumatic Stress disorder. Bob describes himself, after Vietnam,

Bob Black

as silent, antisocial, tempermental, isolated, hurt and guilt ridden.

Years after Bob came back from Vietnam, he states that he "relives the war daily." At times, Bob himself, became the target of all his pent up rage as manifested in several reported suicide attempts. At other times, his wife Sandra became the target. She was seen by Bob as the cause of all his rage. In his mind she became the enemy. He reported that she never accepted him after Vietnam, was available and was so much weaker then he. Bob stated "the more she clung to me, it seemed as if she was trying to destroy me." Because of difficulty adjusting to civilian life in combination with his apparent personality disorder, Bob appears to have had a series of vocational and personal failures. The more he failed the more intense his disturbance and the more his rage spilled over at his wife. This intense emotionality and instability is still very much in evidence in Bob at this time.

DIAGNOSIS:

AXIS I - 309.81 - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder delayed and chronic

AXIS II - 301.83 - Borderline Personality Disorder with depressive and anxious features.

AXIS III - Deferred

AXIS IV - Severity of Psychosocial Stressors: Extreme

AXIS V - Highest level of Adaptive functioning in last year: Very poor

Kenneth F. Kopel, Ph.D. Licensed Psychologist

State of Texas #990

John M. Walker, Ph.D.

EXHIBIT 14

Letter of Dr. John P. Wilson, Ph.D., Cleveland, Ohio 5/18/92

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May 19, 1992

The Honorable Governor Ann W. Richards Attention: General Counsel Office P.O. Box 12428, Capitol Station Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Richards:

I am a professor of psychology at Cleveland State University, and a practicing clinical psychologist with eighteen years experience studying, diagnosing and treating American military veterans who, a result of their service in combat, suffer a debilitating psychological disorder known as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. I have particularly extensive experience working with veterans of the Vietnam war. Rather than detail my extensive credentials in this area here, I enclose my curriculum vitae for your consideration. I write because, after becoming familiar with the facts surrounding the presently scheduled execution of Robert V. Black, Jr., I have reached the conclusion that the execution of Mr. Black would amount to a profound miscarriage of justice.

I first came into contact with Mr. Black in January of this year, when attorney Raoul Schonemann contacted me and requested that I evaluate Mr. Black to determine whether Mr. Black suffered from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and if so, whether the disorder played a role in the murder of Mr. Black's wife. In addition to conducting a one-on-one examination of Mr. Black, I have also reviewed both the record of Mr. Black's trial and an exhaustive compilation of records documenting Mr. Black's life before, during and after his combat service in Vietnam.

Before I address Mr. Black's situation in particular, allow me briefly to explain what Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is. According to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (Third Edition -- Revised 1983) ("DSM-III-R"), "the essential feature of this disorder is the development of characteristic symptoms following a psychologically distressing event that is outside the range of usual human experience." According to the DSM-III-R, military combat is a typical trauma that has been known to induce PTSD. Symptoms of the disorder are then manifested in a number of ways, including recurrent and intrusive recollections of the event or recurrent distressing dreams in which the event is reexperienced; persistent avoidance of stimuli associated with the event; diminished responsiveness to the external world, or "psychic numbing," resulting in feelings of detachment or

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estrangement from other people, lack of interest in previously enjoyed activities, or inability to feel emotions of any type, particularly those associated with intimacy and tenderness; increased arousal, such as difficulty falling asleep, recurrent nightmares, hypervigilance, and exaggerated startled response; and changes in levels of aggression, irritability, and unpredictable explosions of aggressive behavior.

From my evaluation of Mr. Black, there can be no question that he suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. His symptoms are similar to those often experienced by combat veterans exposed to the stressors of war. From 1973 to 1985, the year that Mrs. Black was killed, Mr. Black experienced a progressive pattern of deterioration in his level of adaptive behavior and the quality of his psychological functioning. He was unable to secure or maintain employment. More importantly, he was unable to sustain and maintain meaningful interpersonal intimate relationships, in particular with his family and his wife. Related to this, he experienced patterns of increasing irritability, outbursts of anger, violence, depression and suicidal ideation. Throughout all of these difficulties, Mr. Black experienced an inability to come to terms with and understand the impact of his experiences as an F-4 Phantom pilot in Vietnam. Daily he has to deal with painful and intrusive memories of combat episodes, as well as survivor guilt regarding the death of close comrades and innocent civilians who Mr. Black fears were killed during his attacks on targets of opportunity.

Mr. Black's well-documented psychiatric problems should not be allowed to obscure Mr. Black's exemplary military service. His level of achievement on proficiency tests was consistently superior, most frequently ranked at 4.9 out of a possible 5. He attained the rank of captain and capably performed out of a possible 5. He attained the rank of captain and capably performed the difficult tasks of radio intercept operator on an F-4 Phantom jet. In addition to being awarded numerous medals for his courageous service, Mr. addition to being awarded numerous medals for his courageous service, Mr. Black also has received the air medal with nine awards. Each award is given after twenty-five hours of combat flight. Thus, Mr. Black flew a minimum of 225 hours of combat flight. His flight records confirm that his service as a combat pilot was, to say the least, extensive. His military service record reflects a man who was able to perform at a high level of adaptive functioning at that time. This is consistent too with Mr. Black's numerous accomplishments as a young man before he joined the service: Eagle Scout, diligent high school student, and school representative to the highly prestigious American Legion Boys State program.

In light of his exemplary life history before and during his Vietnam service, Mr. Black's post-Vietnam life can only be explained through an understanding of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The role of PTSD in the events leading to the murder of Mrs. Black is somewhat unique, but nonetheless real. Upon returning from Vietnam, Mr. Black experienced difficulty establishing and maintaining close interpersonal relationships, even with his establishing and maintaining close interpersonal vietnam, Mr. Black came face wife. Repeatedly throughout the decade following Vietnam, Mr. Black came face to face with this inability, and his reaction was always to leave the The

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relationship. Irrationally, his wife became the focus of his feelings of frustration and disappointment with his life; she came to represent the enemy. At the same time, however, he loved his wife. He desperately wanted to be as close as he could be with her and have a reunion and have a happy family. This cycle of ambivalence explains the Blacks' repeated pattern of separations and reunions, even to the point where they were once divorced and remarried.

Mr. Black's disorder must also be understood in the context when Colonel John Wayne Hearne entered the picture. Colonel Hearne first met Mr. Black through an advertisement which Hearne placed in the Soldier of Fortune magazine. He represented himself as a Marine Corps colonel and helicopter gun-ship pilot who specialized in weapons. Mr. Black was drawn to Colonel Hearne because of his military orientation. He needed to relate to someone in authority, someone in a chain of command. Because Hearne represented himself as a Colonel in the Marine Corps, Mr. Black believed they could trust in each other due to their common experience in the Marine Corps, as well as in Vietnam. Colonel Hearne came to represent to Mr. Black a commanding officer, and without Hearne to direct the course of events, Mr. Black would have continued with his cycle of ambivalence, alternating between love and hate, but without the resolve it would take the murder the woman upon whom he was so dependant.

To go through with Mr. Black's execution would be to ignore the sacrifices which Mr. Black made for his country, and the suffering which resulted. Sandra Kay Black's death was a tragedy; it did not need to happen. But her death does not wipe out everything that Mr. Black has been and has done for his country, or the role of his psychological disorder in the events which led to her death. The Brazos County District Attorney, Bill Turner, has consistently evidenced a lack of understanding of what it meant to fight in Vietnam. When I testified at the evidentiary hearing in March of this year, Mr. Turner made much of the fact that a major stressor faced by Mr. Black was the fact that he is haunted by the prospect that he may have killed innocent civilians when he was under orders to seek out targets of opportunity. I have interviewed over eight thousand soldiers, hundreds of them F-4 Phantom pilots, and Mr. Black's guilt and pain arising from the slaughter of innocent civilians has routinely appeared in the statements of these thousands of The jungle warfare which occurred in Vietnam, the American soldiers. inability to distinguish friend from foe, the rejection of the war by the general American populace and the resulting lack of support at home, all made the Vietnam war experience unique and especially destructive for the veterans returning.

I continue to believe, based upon my experience with these eight thousand combat veterans, that Mr. Black minimized the traumatic experiences he faced in Vietnam, and he in fact cannot remember his most stressful experiences, because his mind has blocked them from his conscious memory. That doesn't mean that the subconscious memories of those events are not constantly pressing upon his consciousness and influencing his behavior. But

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for this psychic pain and the influence of Colonel Hearne, who offered an aura of the structure and authority which Mr. Black craved, Mr. Black would not be on death row.

To execute Mr. Black would constitute a retributive reaction which would advance no purpose. It is a simplistic response which the State of Texas should recognize as inhumane and unjustified, and a disservice to those men who have sacrificed their lives and their well being for their country. If I can provide further information or assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, Oh B. Wilson, Out

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